(घ) हमारे पड़ोस में तथा संसार भर की घटनाओं के प्रत्युत्तर में हमारी विदेश नीति एक सतत् एवं अनवरत प्रक्रिया हैं । जबकि हमारे मूल सिद्धान्त और उद्देश्य विदेश नीति में निरन्तर प्रवाहित हैं तो इस दिशा में हमारे लक्ष्ण और विचारार्थ विषय में परिवर्तन हुआ हैं और यह परिवर्तन विश्व की ताजा स्थितियों के अनुसार होता रहेगा ।

Transfer of American Technology of India

2676. SHRl KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "US high tech to remain 'out of bounds' for India" as published in The Hindustan Times, dated the 15th January, 1999;

(b) if so, whether the US have decided not to give nuclear and other sensitive high tech to India as long as it does not sign CTBT; and

(c) if so. the reaction of Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India has been subjected to restrictions on supply of nuclear and other technologies under US practices as well as the ad hoc technology regime of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group (NSG) f6r a number of years. These restrictions predate India's nuclear tests of May 1998.

(c) Government regards unilateral restrictive measures as unjustified and counter-productive and is opposed to discriminatory technology regimes. Government has made it clear that it will not negotiate its security interests on a *quid pro quo basis.* India's defence and security related programmes are basically indigenous and will be continued on the basis of India's security perceptions.

भारतीय भूमि पर म्यांमार के लोगों की घुसपैठ

2677. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 26 मार्च, 1999 के "दैनिक जागरण" में "म्यांमार के ग्रामीणों ने मणिपुर के एक बड़ेभू-भाग पर कब्जा किया" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया हैं, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया हैं ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री जसवन्त सिंह) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) तथ्यों का पता लगाया जा रहा है ।

Issue of Visa to Salman Rushdie

2678. SHRl AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the decision to sanction visa to Salman Rushdie has hurt the religius sentiments of minority community; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The decision of Government to grant a visa to Salman Rushdie was taken afer consideration of all aspects. This is not in any way intended to hurt the religious sentiments of any community, nor does it reflect any change in the stand of the Government on the book "The Satanic Verses", which remain banned

Mr. Rushdie was born in India, owns property in India and also has both friends and relatives in the country, whom he has not met for many years. These considerations were taken into account while taking the decision to grant him a visa.